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SUBJ: RECENT INCIDENTS ALONG CAMBODIAN BORDER

REF: BANGKOK 8945

1. INCIDENTS OCCURRING ALONG CAMBODIAN BORDER CONTINUE TO RECEIVE FAIR AMOUNT OF ATTENTION IN BANGKOK. FOLLOWING UP THEIR ATTACK OF APR 10 ON THE BORDER VILLAGE OF BAN LAEM IN CHANTHABURI PROVINCE, WHICH SUCCEEDED IN DRIVING OUT THE POPULATION (REFTEL) AND WHICH REPORTEDLY NETTED THEM GOOD QUANTITY OF RICE, KC CLASHED BRIEFLY APR 23 WITH A NINE-MAN MARINE PATROL UNIT IN THE SAME VILLAGE, RESULTING IN THE DEATHS OF THREE MARINES. THE THAI ALLEGEDLY FOUND ONE KC BODY AFTERWARDS. ISOC REPORTED THAT, AFTER FIRST ATTACK, KC TOLD RESIDENTS OF NEARBY VILLAGE APR 12 THAT THEY BURNED BAN LAEM BECAUSE VILLAGERS HAD BEEN AIDING CAMBODIAN RESISTANCE. ISOC ALSO LEARNED OF TWO INSTANCES IN MID-APR WHERE KC SHOWED CONCERN OVER PORTIONS OF THE BORDER IN THE SAME VICINITY: IN ONE THEY ASKED THE VILLAGERS ABOUT LOCATIONS OF THE BOUNDARY STONES; IN ANOTHER THEY POINTED OUT THAT THE BORDER FOLLOWED A CURVED LINE RATHER THAN A STRAIGHT ONE AS IT WAS SUPPOSED TO DO.

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2. ON APR 22 KC ABDUCTED FOUR VILLAGERS LIVING 200 METERS FROM THE BORDER NEAR KLONG YAI VILLAGE IN CHANTHABURI PROVINCE AND TOOK THEIR TRACTOR (A RATHER FREQUENT OCCURRENCE), AS WELL. PRESS QUOTED POLICE AS SAYING THAT TWO DAYS EARLIER, TWO KC HAD VISITED THE VILLAGERS TO REQUEST SUPPLIES, INCLUDING PETROLEUM; THE VILLAGERS GAVE THEM ONLY FOOD.

3. IN TA PHRAYA DISTRICT OF PRACHINBURI PROVINCE, KC REPORTEDLY FOUGHT A DAY-LONG BATTLE WITH BPP AND VILLAGE VOLUNTEERS APR 19

4. THE BORDER REMAINS CLOSED TO TRADE AT ARANYAPRATHET.
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